

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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The subheading at line 7 has been amended as follows:

(1) Field of the Invention

The subheading at line 10 has been amended as follows:

(2) Description of the Related Art

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The heading at line 13 has been amended as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS INVENTION

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The paragraph at lines 11-23 has been amended as follows:

Moreover, the front intake opening 3 is disposed ~~to be~~
such that it is separated from the cylinder wall surface of
the cylinder 1 in the row direction of the cylinders 1, and
the front intake port 6 is formed straight to extend in a
direction generally perpendicular to the row direction of the
cylinders 1. Therefore, intake air passing through the front
intake port 6 flows into the combustion chamber along a
direction generally perpendicular to the row direction of the
cylinders 1, toward a region that is offset from the cylinder
wall surface of the corresponding cylinder 1 toward the center
axis S thereof. Therefore, the flow velocity of the intake

air does not drop in the vicinity of the cylinder wall surface, whereby high volumetric efficiency is attained.